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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Intent

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Reclamation Permit for a Mining Operation for the Simplot Silica Mine has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 0224 is:

J.R. Simplot Company
665 Simplot Road
Box 308
Overton, NV 89040

This project, will be located within Clark County, and is in portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, and 12, Township 17 South, Range 67 East; portions of Sections 25 and 26, Township 16 South, Range 67 East; portions of Section 30, Township 16 South, Range 68 East; M.D.B. & M, approximately six miles from the community of Overton, Nevada. The existing mining operation consists of an open pit mine, tailings impoundment, waste dumps, ancillary and processing facilities. The process facilities are located 1.5 miles south of Overton. Simplot is proposing an expansion to the pit and waste dumps that are located on public lands.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision, must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on May 28, 2004. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the

application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on May 28, 2004.

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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Todd Suessmith at (775) 687-9412, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9412 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.